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SENATE BILL 1484  
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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4, Chapter 4,  
relative to the functions, duties and responsibilities of the  
various department, agencies, commissions, boards and  
entities of state government.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 4-4-102(a), is amended by adding  
the following language:

Provided, however, such authority to transfer such functions shall not be exercised while  
the General Assembly is in session, and such authority shall be exercised during the  
interim between legislative sessions if and only if there is a prior determination by the  
government operations committee of the senate and the government operations  
committee of the house of representatives that emergency circumstances beyond the  
control of the governor preclude timely consideration, by the General Assembly, of the  
merits of the specific transfer. Provided further, however, notwithstanding the provisions  
of any law to the contrary, the governor shall have no other authority to transfer or  
reassign functions, duties or responsibilities between or among state departments,  
agencies, commissions, boards or entities, except to the extent specifically authorized by  
the provisions of Section 4-4-117.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 4-4-117(a), is amended by adding  
the following language:

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Provided, however, such authority to transfer such functions shall not be exercised while the general assembly is in session, and such authority shall be exercised during the interim between legislative sessions if and only if there is a prior determination by the government operations committee of the senate and the government operations committee of the house of representatives that emergency circumstances beyond the control of the governor preclude timely consideration, by the general assembly, of the merits of a specific transfer. Provided further, however, notwithstanding the provisions of any law to the contrary, the governor shall have no other authority to transfer or reassign functions, duties or responsibilities between or among state departments, agencies, commissions, boards or entities, except to the extent specifically authorized by the provisions of Sections 4-4-102 and 4-4-117(b).

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 4-4-117(b), is amended by adding the following language:

Provided, however, such authority to assign and reassign such responsibilities shall not be exercised while the general assembly is in session, and such authority shall be exercised during the interim between legislative sessions if and only if there is a prior determination by the government operations committee of the senate and the government operations committee of the house of representatives that emergency circumstances beyond the control of the governor preclude timely consideration, by the general assembly, of the merits of a specific assignment or reassignment. Provided further, however, notwithstanding the provisions of any law to the contrary, the governor shall have no other authority to assign or reassign responsibility for any joint federal-state program to any state department, agency, commission, board or entity.

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect on becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.